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## FAQs

### Postgraduate Study Scholarship

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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *When am I able to claim the reimbursement of scholarship funds?*

Scholarship funds will be reimbursed upon successful completion of each semester of study, in instalments of up to \$2,500 per semester, and not exceeding the lesser of total scholarship amount or cost of the course. To receive the funds, you must provide evidence of receipt of payment from the higher education provider and successful completion of subjects.

#### For example:

Mary wishes to undertake a Graduate Diploma in Ultrasound in 2024.

The course takes two years to complete, has two subjects per semester at a cost of \$4,000 per subject, and commences in February 2024.

An application submitted in 2023 that is successful, will provide Mary's first reimbursement at the end of semester 1 2024 the value of \$2,500 upon receipt of successful completion. Mary's second reimbursement occurs after the successful completion of semester 2 2024.

Reimbursements continue at the successful completion of each semester up to a maximum total of \$10,000.

Year 1 2024	Semester 1 - \$2,500	Semester 2 - \$2,500
Year 2 2025	Semester 1 - \$2,500	Semester 2 - \$2,500

### *I haven't enrolled in a course yet. Do I need to enrol before I apply for the scholarship?*

No, you do not need to enrol in a course before applying for this scholarship. Funding commences for study undertaken from January the following year. However, please check and ensure you meet the individual educational institution's course enrolment deadlines.

### *I am unsure what the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level is of the course I am interested in undertaking. How can I find out more information?*

If the educational institution's course outline states that it is a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters Degree, then this will be equivalent to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 8 or 9 and meet the scholarship requirements. For more information on the AQF please see [www.aqf.edu.au/framework/aqf-qualifications](http://www.aqf.edu.au/framework/aqf-qualifications).



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***How can I determine whether the course I would like to undertake meets the scholarship requirements?***

If you are unsure whether your proposed course of study meets the requirements of the scholarship, please review the educational institution's course outline in the first instance. Check that the course is denoted as a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters Degree. Please note that single subjects within a course do not meet the scholarship requirements, as you must be willing to undertake the entire course. If you are still unsure, please email the CPD Team at [cpd@asmirt.org](mailto:cpd@asmirt.org) for further clarification.

***I would like to study one subject of a postgraduate course; can I apply for this Postgraduate Study Scholarship?***

No, single subjects do not meet the eligibility criteria for this scholarship. Should you decide to continue with the full course, then you can apply for the scholarship keeping in mind that funding **will not** be paid retrospectively for subjects already completed.

***I am part way through a course, will the scholarship pay for the subjects that I have already completed?***

No, scholarship funding **will not** be paid retrospectively. Funding commences for study undertaken from January of the following year. If funding is sought part way through a course of study, the scholarship will only commence from the following January, at a rate of \$2,500 per semester, until the course is completed.

**For example:**

John is undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Ultrasound. The course takes two years to complete and has two subjects per semester.

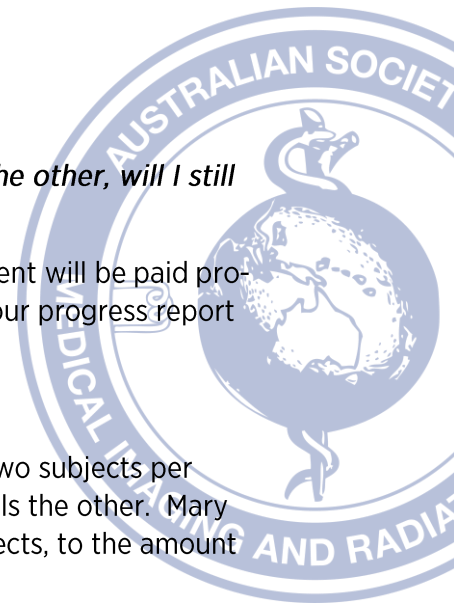
John commenced the course in February 2023. John applies for the scholarship in 2023 when he is halfway through the two-year course. He has four subjects to complete in 2024.

An application submitted in 2023 that is successful, will only provide reimbursement for the semester 1 and 2 of 2024 at \$2,500 per semester up to a total of \$5,000.

John's first reimbursement will be at the end of semester 1 2024 the value of \$2,500 upon receipt of successful completion. John's second and final reimbursement will occur after the successful completion of semester 2 2024.

Year 1 2023	Semester 1 - \$2,500	Semester 2 - \$2,500	= Not eligible for reimbursement as this year is retrospective
Year 2 2024	Semester 1 - \$2,500	Semester 2 - \$2,500	= John is reimbursed a total of \$5,000





***I am studying two subjects a semester and I pass one subject, but fail the other, will I still be able to claim the reimbursement of scholarship funds?***

Where multiple units of study are completed in one semester, reimbursement will be paid pro-rata for successful subjects. If you fail a subject, please include details in your progress report and outline how this will affect your study plan.

For example:

Mary is completing her Graduate Diploma in Ultrasound and undertaking two subjects per semester. In Semester 1 2025, Mary successfully passes one subject but fails the other. Mary will only be reimbursed at half the rate, as she only passed half of her subjects, to the amount of \$1,250 for Semester 1.

Year 2 2025	Semester 1	Scholarship Funds Reimbursed
	Subject 1 = Pass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250
	Subject 2 = Fail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0

***I have failed all my subjects undertaken this semester and will need to repeat them, extending my course by a further 6-months; will I still get my funding paid for this semester?***

No, to receive the full \$2,500 scholarship funds per semester, you must provide evidence of successful completion of all subjects. If you need to repeat the subjects, and extend your course duration, you must include all details in your progress report, addressing the new course completion date and outline how this will affect your study plan.

***I am partway through my course and do not wish to continue. Will I still receive the full amount of funding?***

Recipients' will only receive funding whilst completing their course of study. If a course is discontinued before completion, then any remaining scholarship funds will be forfeited.

For example:

Mary discontinues her Graduate Diploma in Ultrasound course at the end of the first year. Mary will only receive \$5,000 reimbursement for her first year of study. She will forfeit any remaining scholarship funds.

***I discontinued my course of study partway through six months ago; however, I would now like to re-enrol. Can I continue to claim my scholarship funds that I had been previously awarded?***

No, if you discontinue and withdraw entirely from your course of study you will forfeit the scholarship and will need to re-apply.



***Is it possible to take a leave of absence from my course of study due to maternity leave?***

Yes, deferring can be negotiated with ASMIRT, up to a maximum of 12 months. Your reasonable request for a scholarship extension should be made in writing at the earliest opportunity, clearly stating the reason for the request. The acceptance of the request is at the discretion of the ASMIRT.

***Does the course that I plan to undertake need to be specifically related to the Medical Radiation Sciences?***

If your proposed course of study is related to your field of work, but not specifically in medical imaging, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy, your Selection Criteria response must address the relationship between the course and your current discipline of practice and outline the rationale and benefits of your use of the scholarship. The scholarship may assist you to undertake a course that is related to areas within the medical radiation science sector such as artificial intelligence, clinical education, PACS, information technology, or health management.

***I understand that this scholarship will be paid by reimbursement. I am not in a financial position where I can pay course fees upfront; does that mean I cannot apply for the scholarship?***

The scholarship is setup as a reimbursement, however if an applicant has financial hardship with this arrangement, then this can be reconsidered on an individual basis. The applicant is still encouraged to apply for the scholarship, noting that if successful would require an alternative scholarship payment system to address their personal circumstances. The ASMIRT decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

***I was successful in gaining a scholarship, however now my personal circumstances have changed, and I cannot afford to pay for my course fees upfront. Can ASMIRT help?***

Should a scholarship recipient seek financial hardship assistance due to personal circumstances, these will be considered on an individual basis. Please advise ASMIRT of your situation as soon as possible and outline your request providing detailed information for review and consideration. The ASMIRT decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

## **Further Assistance**

Further assistance and information can be obtained from the ASMIRT CPD Team:

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